

S-461
Horace Ballard House
Upper Hill
Private

c. 1890

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HISTORIC CONTEXT INFORMATION

Resource Name: HORACE BALLARD HOUSE

MHT Inventory Number: S-461

MARYLAND COMPREHENSIVE HISTORIC PRESERVATION PLAN DATA:

- 1) Historic Period Theme(s): Architecture
- 2) Geographic Orientation: Eastern Shore
- 3) Chronological/Development Period(s):
Industrial/Urban Dominance
1870-1930
- 4) Resource Type(s): Single-family dwelling

Maryland Historical Trust State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. S-461

Magi No.

DOE ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic John R. Waters House

and/or common Horace Ballard House

2. Location

street & number South side of dirt land off Upper Hill Rd not for publication

city, town Upper Hill vicinity of congressional district First

state Maryland county Somerset

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> district	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture
<input type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input type="checkbox"/> commercial
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> religious
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> transportation
			<input type="checkbox"/> military
			<input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Carmel L. Gray

street & number 1105 Frank Parsons Road telephone no.:

city, town Salisbury state and zip code MD 21801

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Somerset County Clerk of Court liber 422

street & number Somerset County Courthouse folio 1051

city, town Princess Anne state MD 21853

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☐ unaltered
☒ altered

Check one

☒ original site

☐ moved

date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Horace Ballard house, also known historically as the John R. Waters house, stands on the south side of a dirt lane that intersects Upper Hill Road in the center of Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland. The two-story, two-bay frame house faces west with the principal gable roof oriented on a north/south axis.

Dating around 1890, the two-story side hall/parlor frame dwelling rests on a covered brick pier foundation, and the exterior is clad with asbestos shingles. The steeply pitched gable roof is covered with asphalt shingles. Attached to the east side of the main block is two-story one-room plan rear service wing, which is extended farther eastward with a single-story kitchen.

The west (main) facade is a two-bay elevation with a side entrance, marked by a partially glazed side door, and an adjacent two-over two sash window. The first floor is sheltered by a single-story, partially enclosed shed roofed front porch. The second floor is lighted by a pair of evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. Finishing the base of the roof is an extended eave with a boxed cornice. Rising through the gable roof is a concrete block stove chimney.

The north and south sides are defined by a single two-over-two sash window on each floor, and a small louvered vent marks the upper gable. The eaves are extended and the soffits are enclosed.

Attached to the east side of the main block is a shorter two-story, one-room plan rear wing covered with a medium sloped gable roof. Rising through the gable end is a single flue brick stove chimney finished with a corbelled cap. Two-over-two sash windows light the first and second floors.

The single-story kitchen wing is a one-room plan structure as well, covered by a steeply pitched asphalt shingle roof. The base to the roof is finished with a boxed cornice. A partially glazed side door entrance pierces the north wall.

The interior was not seen.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400–1499	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-historic	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation	<input type="checkbox"/> law	<input type="checkbox"/> science
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500–1599	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> sculpture
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600–1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> social/
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700–1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800–1899	<input type="checkbox"/> commerce	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy	<input type="checkbox"/> theater
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates

Builder/Architect

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This two-story, two-bay side hall/parlor frame dwelling is commonly known by older Upper Hill residents as the Horace Ballard house, named after a long-time resident who owned the property between 1950 and 1985. (Somerset County Land Records, 154/312 and 386/357) The two-story, two-bay frame structure, with its two-story service wing, is estimated to date to the late years of the nineteenth century after John R. Waters acquired one and one-third acres from Robert H. and Lizzie Jones. (Somerset County Land Record, HFL 8/184) At that time the lot transferred for \$133. The property was conveyed through John R. Waters will to his wife Gladys in January 1927. (Somerset County Register of Wills, FED 34/81)

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Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name _____

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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state	code	county	code
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name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian
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organization Private Consultant

date 6 / 14 / 95

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telephone 4 10-651-1094

city or town Westover

state Maryland

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HORACE BALLAARD HOUSE
Upper Hill, Somerset County, Maryland
Chain of title

422/1051 Edward E. Cole

to

9/28/1994 Carmel L. Gray

422/1050 American General Finance, Inc.

to

9/22/1994 Edward E. Cole

ITP 401/401 Warren Ballard

to

11/1/1991 American General Finance, Inc.

ITP 386/357 Warren Ballard, Personal Representative of
the Estate of Horace Ballard

to

10/1/1985 Warren Ballard

BLB 154/312 Mamie Waters, et al, widow of William Waters, etc.
All heirs of John R. Waters

to

12/6/1950 Horace Ballard
1 1/3 acres

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HORACE BALLARD HOUSE
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Chain of title continued

HFL 8/184

Robert H. Jones
Lizzie L. Jones

to

4/12/1890

John R. Waters

\$133.00 and said land having been devised
to Gladys Waters by the said John
1 1/3 a. R. Waters (FED 34/81 1/28/1927)

Somerset County Tax Map 39
Parcel 74

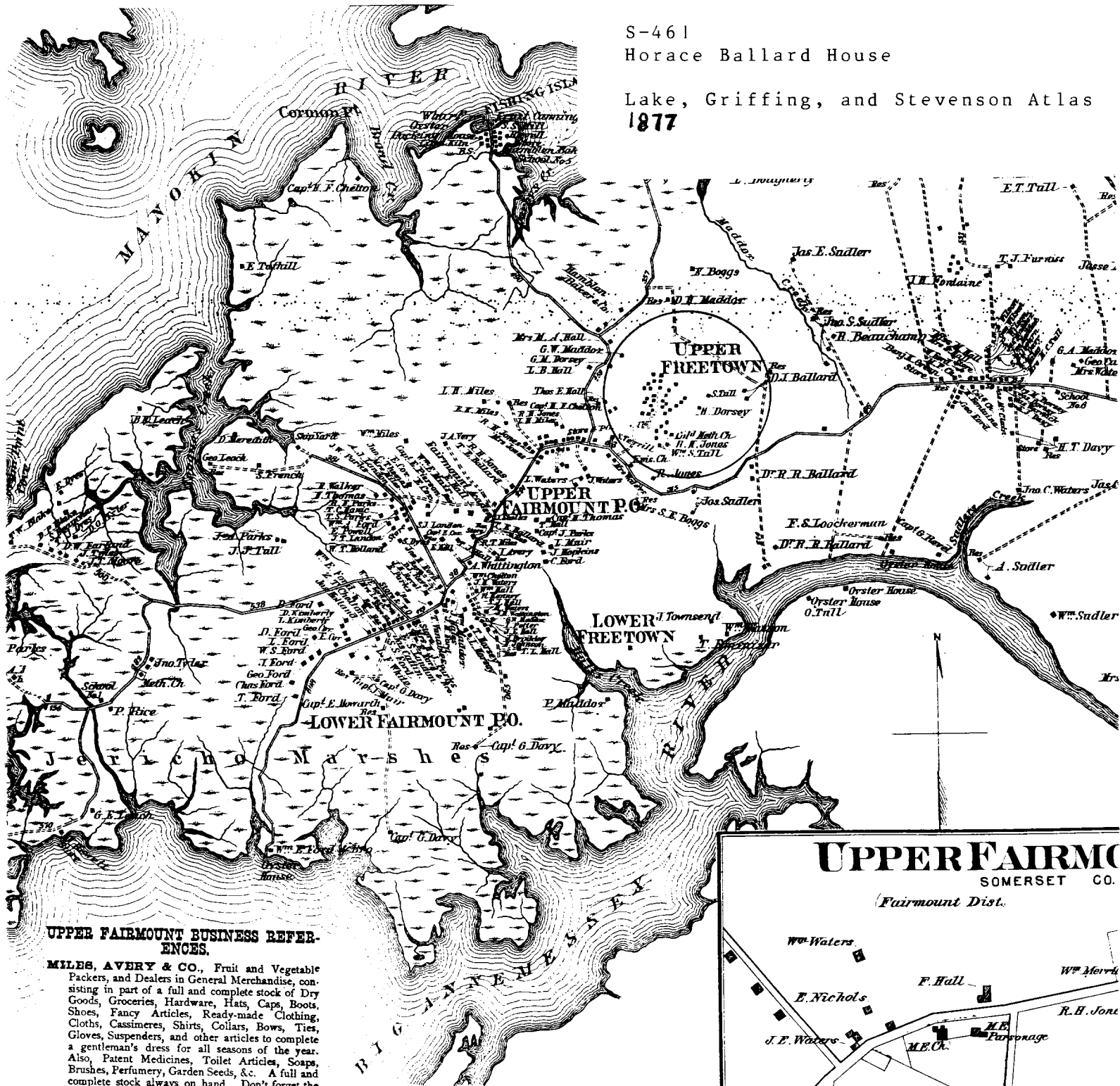
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Lake, Griffing, and Stevenson Atlas
1877



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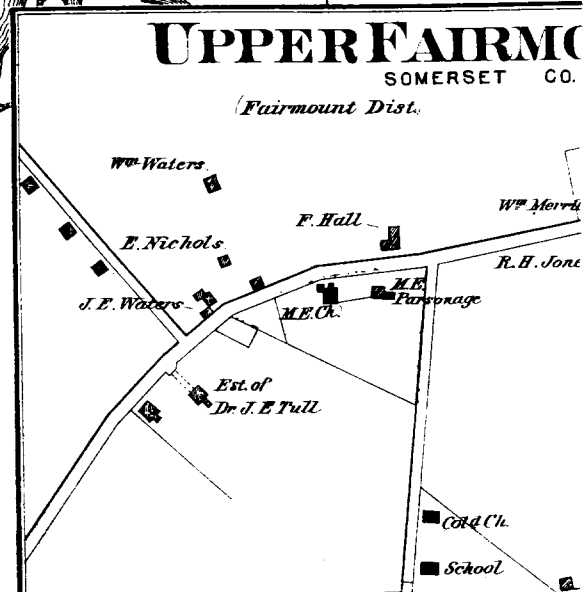
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Horace Ballard House

Upper Hill, Somerset County, MD

Marion, Maryland Quadrangle 1972





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HOOPER BRUCE HOUSE
UPPER HILL, SOMERSET CO., MD.

WEST ELEVATION

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THOMAS PAULSEN HOUSE

EAST ELEVATION

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